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thing * and Halifax noted that the *
 Scotchmen by their
 several stories distracted his mind? ' Though
 William
 employed Hamilton, he had no great
 confidence in him.
 Upon my best observation | wrote Halifax, *
 Duke
 Hamilton was never well with the King from
 the beginning,
 . . . He was too pressing at first, and
 earnest in his
 own particular concerne, which gave the King
 an ill
 impression of him/ William promised Hamilton
 that *' he
 should be the first man in Scotland ', but the
 Duke
 grumbled because he was not made Lord
 Treasurer.²
 The Scottish Parliament demanded the
 abolition of the
 Lords of the Articles, a veto on judicial
 appointments, and
 the incapacitation of the ministers of the late
 govern-
 ment. William refused : in Scotland as in
 England he
 meant to maintain all the prerogatives of the
 Crown. He
 told Halifax that he would not agree to take
 away the
 Lords of the Articles but would reform them,
 and when
 Halifax said that would not satisfy the
 Parliament, he
 replied, * hee could not help it, he would yield
 no more,
 neither there nor here* and if the Parliament
 in Scotland
 did not like it, hee would dissolve it, and get
 another/
 Privately he said that [£] Duke Hamilton was at
 the bottom
 of all the opposition in Scotland/ and ' all the
 Scotch
 Lords both friends and enemies agreed, that he

might have
hinder'd some votes if he would/ ³

William was not much better satisfied with his
Secretary
of State. It had been customary to have two
Secretaries of
Scotland, but William declared that he would
not have two,
* *to* have one advise him one thing, and the other
to another/'⁴

¹ H. C. Foxcroft, *Life and Letters of the First Marquis of
Halifax* (2 vols. ;
1898), ii. 202.

- Ibid. pp. 205, 234.

^j Ibid. pp. 223, 236, 237, 239. * Ibid. p. 218.